

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2020-144-E - ORDER NO. 2020-421

JULY 6, 2020

IN RE: Petition of Duke Energy Progress, LLC for) ORDER GRANTING
an Accounting Order Related to the) PETITION FOR AN
Asheville Combined Cycle Generating Plant) ACCOUNTING ORDER

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the Petition of Duke Energy Progress, LLC (“Duke”) for an Accounting Order Related to the Asheville Combined Cycle Generating Plant. Specifically, the costs Duke is seeking to defer are the generating station’s cost of capital, depreciation expense, property taxes, incremental operations and maintenance expenses net of operations and maintenance savings, and carrying costs at weighted average cost of capital, consistent with prior treatment of new generation. The utility estimates that the total deferred costs will be \$8.2 million. Duke states these expenses are not reflected in existing base rates and, while this request will not involve a change to any of the Company’s retail rates or prices at this time, it plans to submit these unrecovered incremental costs as a component of electric rates in its next rate case filing.

The Office of Regulatory Staff has reviewed this matter and does not object to Duke’s request. ORS states its position is predicated on the basis that the issuance of an accounting order in this matter will not preclude the ORS, Commission, or any other party from addressing the reasonableness and prudence of these costs as well as determining if carrying costs should be included on all or part of the deferral in a subsequent general rate

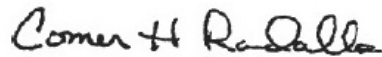
case or other proceeding. ORS further states that it reserves the right to review this matter in full in a subsequent general rate case or other proceeding, and Duke has no objective right, entitlement, or guarantee to recovery of the costs or return included in the regulatory asset account.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The Petition for an accounting order deferring the post-in-service costs being incurred by the Asheville Combined Cycle Generating Plant as requested by Duke Energy Progress, LLC is approved. However, this approval does not affect the right of any party to address the reasonableness and prudence of the deferred costs in Duke Energy Progress, LLC's next general rate proceeding or any other proceeding.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Comer H. "Randy" Randall, Acting Chairman

ATTEST:



Florence P. Belser, Vice Chair